

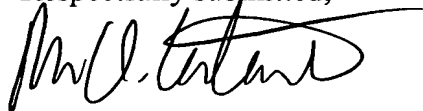
REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are amended for clarity and conciseness, and claims 11-13 are added. No new matter is added.

The Examiner is requested to consider the information identified in the Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application on October 21, 2002, January 23, 2003, April 27, 2004 and July 14, 2004.

Prompt examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

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